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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2002 please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 33-44 as follows:

33. An electrically actuatable igniter comprising:

a pair of electrodes;

a heating element electrically connected between

said electrodes; and

an ignition material in contact with said heating element, said ignition material comprising a mixture of a metal powder and a particulate oxidizer that exothermically

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